एकीकृत अनाज विकास कार्यक्रम (आई०-सी०डी०पी०-मोटे अनाज).

ये लगातार चल रहे कार्यक्रम, खाद्यान्न उत्पादन के लक्ष्य की प्राप्ति के लिए हैं जो योजना आयोग द्वारा चालू वर्ष के लिए 210 मिलियन टन निर्धारित किया गया है। योजना आयोग में ऐसा कुछ भी लम्बित नहीं है जो इन कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन अथवा लक्ष्य प्राप्ति में आड़े आए।

Finalisation of Ninth Plan

600. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHRANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ninth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Draft Ninth Five Year, 1997-2002, approved at internal meetings of the Planning Commission was released on March 1, 1998 by the then Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The Government has decided to review this Draft so as to suitably reflect the altered priorities, as enunciated in the National Agenda for Governance. Detailed action plans on the above guidelines have been prepared and suitably incorporated to the existing Draft. The new Draft Ninth Five Year Plan has been discussed at the meetings of the internal Planning Commission and Full Planning Commission. This revised document is to be submitted through due process for consideration and approval of National Development Council.

Establishment of a Titanium Complex in

601. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for the establishment of a Titanium complex in Kerala with the joint participation of public sector undertakings under State Government and the Central Government in order to have a long term perspective and planned growth of the Titanium industry in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A proposal was received from the Government of Kerala in May 1997, for setting up a Mineral Separation Plant (MSP), a captive power generation plant and for enhancing the capacity of the existing Titanium Dioxide Plant of Kerala Minerals and Metals Limited, a public sector undertaking of the Government of Kerala, and requesting for Central investments through M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy. A similar proposal for the establishment of a Titanium complex at Chavara, Kerala, was also received in June 1998. The proposals were considered and could not be accepted as these involved very large investments and IREL faced a financial crunch. The limited resources available during the Ninth Five Year Plan for the purpose are also not adequate to undertake such an exercise. The Government of India has recently notified a pollicy on beach sand minerals with a view to encourage further exploitation of beach sand minerals, including value addition, through a judicious mix of public and private sector participation including induction of uptodate technology and foreign investment.